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UNHCR-SUPPORTED THAI INLAND CAMPS

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1. REFUGEES FROM LAOS AND CAMBODIA ARE ARRIVING IN
THAILAND AT HIGHER THAN USUAL RATES (SEE REFTEL). FOLLOW-
ING ARE TABULATIONS OF (1) PRESENT LAND CAMP POPULATION
STATISTICS BY CAMP AND ETHNIC GROUP AND (2) NET POPULATION
CHANGE IN UNHCR-SUPPORTED LAND REFUGEE CAMPS. STARTING
WITH SEPTEMBER 30, THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE THESE FIGURES
AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

LAND CAMP POPULATION:

PROVINCE	CAMP	MARCH 31	JULY 31
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NONGKHAI	NONGKHAI LAO	15,696	19,382
UBON RATCHATHANI	UBON	13,201	22,322
NAKHON RATCHASIMA	SIKHIU	48	48
TOTAL LAO		28,945	41,752

CHIANG RAI	CHIANG KHONG	5,422	5,509
PAYAO	CHIANG KHAM	2,892	2,950
NAN	BAN NAM YAO	13,650	13,630
-	SOB THUANG	9,400	9,665
UTTARADIT	FAK THA	1,640	1,557
LOEI	BAN VINAI	12,503	12,500
NONGKHAI	NONGKHAI HMONG	6,309	8,066
TOTAL HMONG		51,816	53,877

NAKHON RATCHASIMA	SIKHIU	1,221	1,450
NONGKHAI	NONGKHAI LAO	368	303
NONGKHAI	NONGKHAI LAO		
-	(THAI DAM/THAI NUNG)	1,541	1,567
TOTAL VIETNAMESE (EX-LAOS)		3,130	3,320

SURIN	LAM PUK	4,938	4,568
PRACHINBURI	ARANYAPRATHET	6,800 (A)	6,568 (A)
CHANTHABURI	KAMPUT	2,180	1,950
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TRAT	KHLONG YAI	417	619
NAKHON RATCHASIMA	SIKHIU	100	100
TOTAL KHMER		14,435	13,805

GRAND TOTAL		98,326	112,754
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IN ADDITION, AS OF 31 JULY 1978, THERE WERE 1,146 DISPLACED PERSONS IN TRANSIT CENTERS IN BANGKOK AWAITING MOVEMENT TO COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT.

(A) INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 3000 KHMER, LONG-TIME THAI RESIDENTS, WHOM THAI AUTHORITIES ROUNDED UP IN JULY 1977, AND PLACED IN THE ARANYAPRATHET CAMP.

3. WHILE THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC WAY OF RECORDING ACTUAL REFUGEE ARRIVALS IN THAILAND, THE NET POPULATION CHANGE IN UNHCR-SUPPORTED CAMPS REFLECTS AN INCREASING ARRIVAL RATE. THE MONTHLY NET CHANGE COVERS NEW REGISTRANTS IN THE CAMP MINUS DEPARTURES FOR RESETTLEMENT ABROAD. THE NET MONTHLY INCREASE DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1978 AVERAGED OVER 4000.

4. NET POPULATION INCREASE AT UNHCR-SUPPORTED LAND REFUGEE

CAMPS:

-	JAN 77	3193
-	FEB	1235
-	MAR	2113
-	APR	1168
-	MAY	2242
-	JUN	1192
-	JUL	4754
-	AUG	3651
-	SEPT	3666
-	OCT	2901
-	NOV	3555
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MONTHLY AVERAGE - 1977 2601

-	FEB	624
-	MAR	1284
-	APR	2166
-	MAY	4327 (A)
-	JUNE	11,524 (B)
-	JULY	3443

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-MONTHLY AVERAGE - 1978 4040

MONTHLY AVERAGE (19 MONTHS) 3131

SOURCE: EMBASSY CALCULATION BASED ON UNHCR FIGURES.

(A) ACTUAL NET CHANGE BELIEVED TO BE LESS. FIGURE
REFLECTS ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF REFUGEES ALREADY IN CAMP
BUT PREVIOUSLY NOT ON FOOD ROLLS.

(B) FIGURE INCLUDES INCORPORATION OF 9000 REFUGEES
INTO THE UBON CAMP WHO HAD BEEN LIVING ILLEGALLY FOR SOME
TIME IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE. ABRAMOWITZ

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